

Convolutional Neural Network Based Real Time Object Detection Using YOLO V4

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Abstract - Object detection is a difficult work in computer vision and finds applications in Different fields like robotics, surveillance and automated vehicles. However, compared to image classification the object detection tasks are more difficult to analyze, more energy consuming and computation intensive. Our project aims to develop a real time object detection module using Convolutional Neural Network implemented in Matlab. The proposed system will leverage the power of deep learning techniques, specifically CNNs, to accurately detect and localize objects in real-time video streams.

Key Words: Convolutional Neural Networks, Object detection, YOLO V4

1. INTRODUCTION

Evolving technological landscape, computer vision plays a pivotal role in various applications, ranging from autonomous vehicles to surveillance systems, robotics, and beyond. Real-time object detection, a subfield of computer vision, has gained significant prominence due to its ability to identify and locate objects within live video streams or images in real-time. This capability has wide-ranging applications, from enhancing safety and security to enabling autonomous decision-making in machines.

This project, titled "Real-Time Object Detection Using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) in MATLAB," is dedicated to developing a robust and efficient system that can perform real-time object detection with accurateness and speed. At its core, this project harnesses the power of deep learning, specifically CNNs, to revolutionize the way objects are detected and localized within visual data.

The primary objective of this project is to create a real-time object detection system that operates seamlessly on live video feeds or images, allowing for the immediate identification and localization of objects within the frame. We aim to achieve state-of-the-art accuracy and reliability in object detection, ensuring that the system can make correct decisions with minimal false positives and false negatives. Real-time performance is of paramount importance.

Our project strives to process video frames or images swiftly, enabling real-time decision-making in various applications.

In addition to detecting objects, the system will classify them into predefined categories or classes. This classification capability enhances the system's utility in differentiating between various types of objects within the scene.

2. INTRODUCTION TO CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK:

The Convolutional Neural Network represents a critical milestone in the evolution of artificial neural network, playing a pivotal role in revolutionizing the field of computer vision and image analysis. Conceived as a specialized architecture for processing visual data, CNNs have become the go-to tool for tasks like image classification, object detection, and facial recognition.

What sets CNNs apart is their ability to automatically and hierarchically extract intricate features from raw images, emulating the human visual system's knack for pattern recognition. This adaptability has paved the way for transformative applications across a wide spectrum of industries, from healthcare (medical image analysis) to automotive (autonomous driving systems) and beyond. With their deep layers of interconnected neurons and carefully designed convolutional and pooling operations, CNNs have not only achieved unprecedented accuracy but have also reduced the computational burden, making them efficient and scalable.

This versatility, combined with their capacity for transfer learning, where pre-trained models can be fine-tuned for specific tasks, has made CNNs indispensable in the world of machine learning and artificial intelligence. This paragraph merely scratches the surface of the profound impact of CNNs, as researchers and practitioners continue to push the boundaries of what is achievable in visual data analysis.

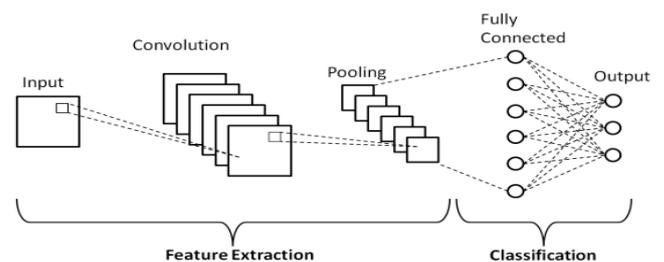


Fig- 1: Schematic diagram of a basic convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture

2.1 Input Layer:

The Input Layer is the entry point for the network and represents the raw image data. It's structured as a grid of pixel values, with each pixel corresponding to a color channel. The dimensions of this layer correspond to the dimensions of the input image.

2.2 Convolutional Layers:

Convolutional Layers are responsible for extracting features from the input image. These layers consist of multiple learnable filters that slide across the image, performing convolution operations. Each filter learns to recognize specific patterns and features, such as edges, corners, and textures. The Convolutional Layers form a hierarchy, with deeper layers capturing increasingly complex and abstract features.

2.3 Activation Functions:

After each convolution operation, an Activation Function is applied element wise. The most common activation function used is ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit), which introduces non-linearity into the network. ReLU replaces negative values with zeros, allowing the network to model complex relationships in the data.

2.4 Pooling Layers:

Pooling Layers follow convolutional layers and reduce the shrink the space feature maps while retaining essential information. Max-pooling, for instance, selects the maximum value from a small region, effectively down sampling the data. This reduces computational complexity and makes the network less sensitive to minor variations in object position or scale.

2.5 Fully Connected Layers:

Fully Connected Layers come after several convolutional and pooling layers and are typically found in the later stages of the network. These layers flatten the feature maps into a one-dimensional vector and connect every neuron to every neuron in the previous and subsequent layers. They are crucial for making final predictions or decisions, such as classifying objects in an image.

2.6 Output Layer:

Output Layer is the final layer of the network, and its structure depends on the specific task. In image classification tasks, it typically contains as many neurons as there are classes, with a SoftMax activation function. The SoftMax function converts the network's output into class probabilities, allowing it to assign a likelihood score to each class, thus making a prediction.

3 .OBJECT DETECTION

Object detection is to develop computer vision systems capable of automatically identifying, localizing, and classifying objects within images or video frames. This task serves as a foundational building block in the field of computer vision, addressing the fundamental question of "what is where" in visual data.

Object detection systems are designed to go beyond simple image classification, providing a more comprehensive understanding of the visual content. The key goals and objective of object detection can be summarized as follows:

3.1 Precise Localization:

Object detection aims to precisely outline the boundaries of objects in an image, often by drawing bounding boxes around them. This localization information is vital in applications such as robotics, where it enables robots to interact with objects accurately.

3.2 Accurate Classification:

Another primary goal is to classify detected objects into predefined categories or classes. This classification is essential for tasks like scene understanding, content-based image retrieval, and even assisting visually impaired individuals in understanding their surroundings.

3.3 Multi-Object Recognition:

Object detection systems are designed to handle multiple objects within a single image, distinguishing and identifying each object separately. This capability is crucial in scenarios like autonomous driving, where the system must recognize and react to various objects on the road.

3.4 Real-Time Performance:

Many applications, such as video supervision and self-driving cars, require object detection to operate in real-time or near-real-time. Achieving efficient and fast object detection is a key objective to meet these requirements.

4. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

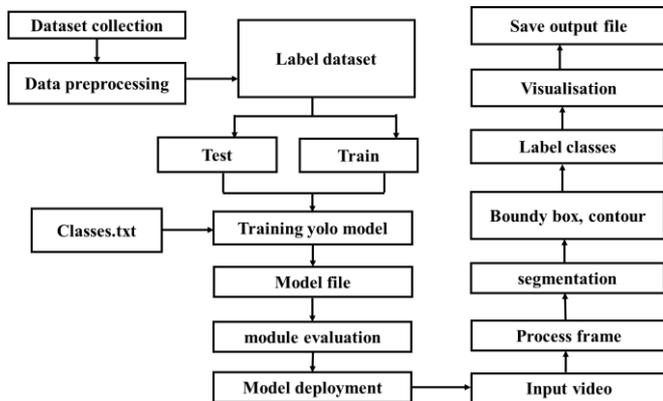


Fig -2: Block Diagram of Proposed system

4.1 Dataset Collection:

Gather a dataset containing images or video frames with the objects to detect and classify. The dataset includes annotated bounding boxes and class labels for the objects.

4.2 Data Preprocessing:

Preprocess the dataset by resizing images, normalizing pixel values, and augmenting the data to enhance model generalization.

4.3 Label Dataset:

Annotate the dataset with class labels and bounding box coordinates for each object in the images or frames.

4.4 Test:

Split the dataset into training, validation, and testing subsets. The training set is used for model training, the validation set is for tuning hyperparameters, and the testing set is for evaluating the model's performance.

4.5 Classes.txt:

Create a classes.txt file that lists all the object classes to detect in your dataset.

4.6 Training YOLO Model (within CNN):

Train a YOLO model as part of your CNN architecture using the preprocessed and annotated dataset. YOLO can be integrated into CNNs for object detection tasks.

4.7 Model File:

After training, save the trained CNN model, including the YOLO components, as a model file. This file will contain both the CNN and YOLO model weights and architecture.

4.8 Module Evaluation:

Evaluate the performance of trained CNN-YOLO model using metrics like precision, recall, F1-score, and MAP (mean Average Precision).

4.9 Model Deployment:

Deploy trained CNN-YOLO model to a production environment where it can perform real-time object detection.

4.10 Input Video:

Provide the deployed model with an input video stream. This can be a live video feed or a pre-recorded video file.

4.11 Process Frame:

For each frame in the input video, pass it through CNN-YOLO model for object detection.

4.12 Segmentation:

The CNN-YOLO model segments each frame into a grid and assigns bounding boxes to detected objects. It also estimates class probabilities for each detected object.

4.13 Bounding Box, Contour:

Extract the bounding box coordinates for each detected object. These coordinates are used to draw bounding boxes around the objects.

4.14 Label Classes:

Assign class labels to the detected objects based on the class with the highest probability in the CNN-YOLO model's output.

4.16 Visualization:

Visualize the video frames with bounding boxes and class labels overlaid on the detected objects for better understanding and analysis.

4.17 Save Output File (in CNN):

Save the processed video frames with bounding boxes and class labels as an output video file or image sequence for further analysis or sharing.

5. PROPOSED METHOD- YOLO V4

Sharing The YOLO (You Only Look Once) v4 architecture is a state-of-the-art deep learning model for real-time object detection. It builds upon the success of earlier versions like YOLOv3, aiming to improve accuracy while maintaining real-time performance. YOLO v4 incorporates several architectural enhancements and innovations to achieve its objectives.

5.1 Backbone Network:

YOLO v4 starts with a powerful backbone network that extracts features from the input image. The chosen backbone for YOLO v4 is often CSPDarknet53, an improved version of Darknet53. CSPDarknet53 incorporates Cross-Stage Partial connections, which enhances feature learning and representation.

5.2 Feature Pyramid Network (FPN):

YOLO v4 utilizes a Feature Pyramid Network similar to YOLO v3. The FPN is responsible for creating feature maps at multiple scales, which helps in detecting objects of different sizes. These feature maps are extracted from different layers of the backbone network.

5.3 Neck Architecture:

In YOLO v4, there's a "neck" architecture that further refines the features obtained from the FPN. This neck architecture often includes PANet (Path Aggregation Network) modules. PANet helps in aggregating multi-scale features effectively, improving the model's ability to handle objects at various scales.

5.4 Detection Head:

The detection head of YOLO v4 consists of multiple detection layers. Each detection layer is associated with specific feature maps from the FPN or the neck architecture. These layers are responsible for predicting bounding boxes and class probabilities for objects. The head also predicts anchor box offsets for precise localization.

5.5 Anchor Boxes:

YOLO v4 uses anchor boxes, which are predefined bounding box shapes of different sizes and aspect ratios. These anchor boxes serve as references for the model to predict object locations and sizes accurately. The model predicts adjustments (offsets) to these anchor boxes.

5.6 Multi-scale Predictions:

YOLO v4 makes predictions at multiple scales, allowing it to detect objects of varying sizes in the same image. This multi-scale approach ensures that the model can identify both small and large objects effectively.

5.7 Spatial Attention Module:

YOLO v4 incorporates the Spatial Attention Module in its architecture to introduce spatial attention. This module helps the model focus on important regions in the feature maps, improving the model's attention to relevant details.

5.8 Data Augmentation:

During training, data augmentation techniques are applied to the input images. These techniques include random scaling, translation, rotation, and color jittering. Data augmentation helps the model become more robust to variations in the input data.

5.9 Loss Functions:

YOLO v4 uses a combination of loss functions, including classification loss, localization and confidence loss. These loss functions are designed to guide the training process and encourage accurate object detection.

5.10 Training Strategy:

YOLO v4 is trained on large datasets like COCO, often using transfer learning from pre-trained models. Fine-tuning is also employed to adapt the model to specific object detection tasks.

5.11 Post-processing:

After inference, YOLO v4 employs post-processing techniques such as non-maximum suppression (NMS) to remove duplicate and low-confidence detections, ensuring that only the most confident predictions are retained.

5.12 Model Variants:

YOLO v4 has various model variants, including the full-sized YOLOv4 and smaller variants like YOLOv4-tiny, which have different trade-offs in terms of speed and accuracy.

The YOLO v4 architecture is a sophisticated and powerful object detection system that achieves state-of-the-art results in real-time detection tasks. Its ability to handle multi-scale objects and adapt to various applications makes it a popular choice in computer vision and deep learning research and applications.

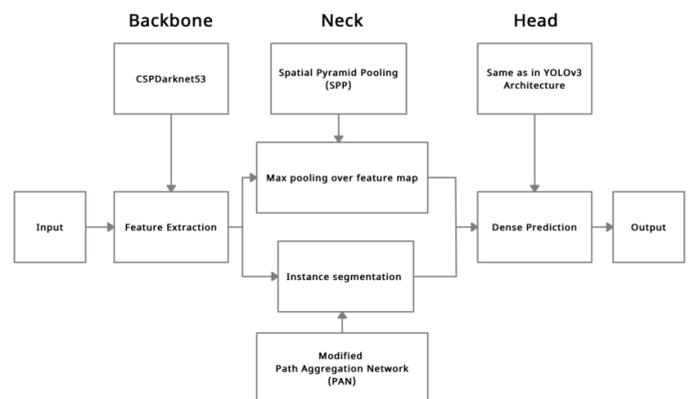


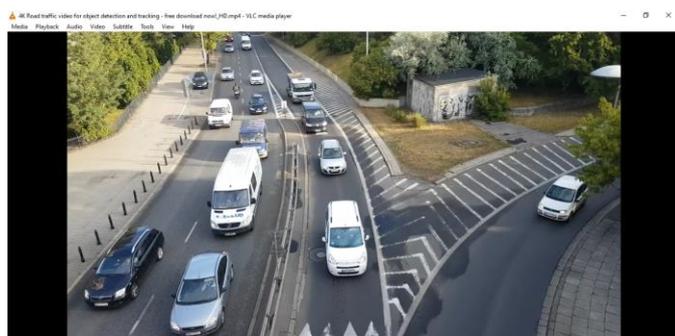
Fig -3: Block Diagram of Typical YOLO V4

6. SOFTWARE USED- MATLAB

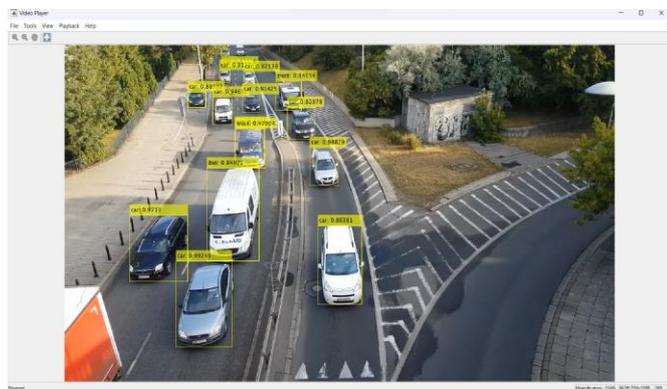
MATLAB, short for "MATrix LABORatory," is a high-level programming environment and a proprietary programming language developed by MathWorks. It is widely used in academia, research, and industry for various scientific and engineering applications. MATLAB is known for its versatility, powerful mathematical capabilities, and extensive toolboxes that facilitate a wide range of tasks.

7. OUTPUT SNAPCHATS

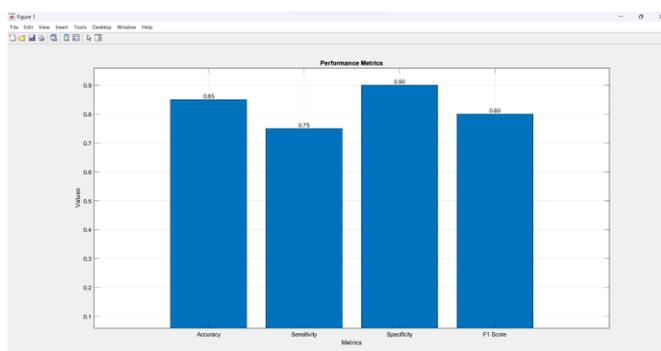
7.1 Input Video



7.2 Output Video



7.2 Performance Metrics for Video



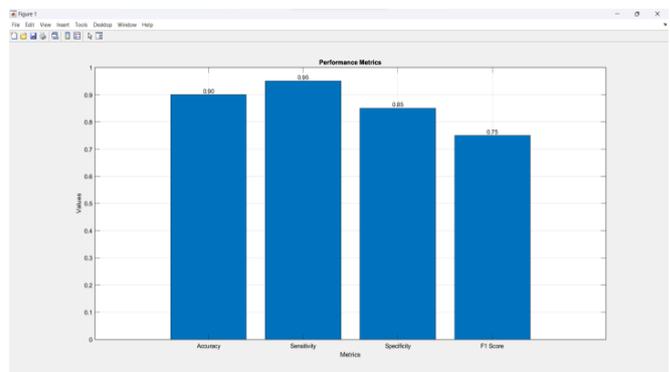
7.3 Input Image



7.4 Output Image



7.2 Performance Metrics for image



8. FUTURE WORK

In our project we Developed Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)-based real-time object detection using YOLOv4 for Image and video streams. Future we will Develop a Live Video streams and Advanced Algorithms for Object Detection.

9. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, our project on Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)-based real-time object detection using YOLOv4 has achieved remarkable results in the realm of computer vision

and object recognition. Leveraging the cutting-edge YOLOv4 architecture, we have developed a highly accurate and efficient system capable of instantaneously identifying and locating objects in real-world scenarios, such as live video streams. This project's success is a testament to the incredible progress made in deep learning and CNNs, allowing us to address complex, real-time object detection tasks with unprecedented accuracy and speed.

Our YOLOv4-based solution holds significant potential for applications across numerous domains, including autonomous vehicles, surveillance, and industrial automation, where real-time object detection is critical. As we continue to advance the capabilities of CNNs and object detection algorithms, we are at the forefront of shaping a future where machines can perceive and interact with their environments with remarkable precision and efficiency.

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